

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A discharge device for discharging ~~eraps~~ crop material from a harvesting machine, comprising a rotatable ~~reter~~ chopper mounted in a housing with a bottom, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the bottom can be ~~moved~~ oscillate in a direction of motion back-and-forth for feeding residual crop material into the chopper.

2. (Currently amended) The discharge device as defined by claim 1 wherein the rotatable ~~reter~~ chopper has a circumference and the direction of motion of the bottom is tangential to the circumference of the ~~reter~~ chopper.

3. (Currently amended) The discharge device as defined by claim 2 wherein the bottom is provided with a step-shaped shoulder for pushing residual crop material into the chopper.

4. (Currently amended) A combine comprising
a supporting structure;
a threshing assembly for threshing harvested crop material is mounted to the supporting structure;
a separating assembly for separating threshed crop material is mounted to the supporting structure;
a cleaning assembly including a cleaning shoe for removing chaff from grain;
a discharge device for discharging chaff from the combine, comprising a rotatable ~~reter~~ chopper mounted in a housing with a bottom mounted to the supporting structure, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the bottom can be ~~moved~~ oscillated in a direction of motion back-and-forth for feeding residual crop material into the chopper.

5. (Currently amended) The combine as defined by claim 4 wherein the rotatable ~~reter~~ chopper has a circumference and the direction of motion of the bottom is tangential to the circumference of the ~~reter~~ chopper.

6. (Currently amended) The combine as defined by claim 5 wherein the bottom is provided with a step-shaped shoulder for pushing residual crop material into the chopper.

7. (Currently amended) The combine as defined by claim 5 wherein the discharge device is includes a blower.

8. (Currently amended) The combine as defined by claim 5 wherein the chopper of the discharge device is a straw chopper that receives separated crop material from the separating assembly.

9. (Currently amended) The combine as defined by claim 8 wherein the separated crop material from the separating assembly defines a first crop residue stream and the chaff from the cleaning assembly defines a second crop residue stream; and the second crop residue stream can be fed to the bottom.

10. (Original) The combine as defined by claim 9 wherein the second crop residue stream can be fed to the bottom by means of an oscillating bottom.

11. (Original) The combine as defined by claim 10 wherein the oscillating bottom and the bottom are connected mechanically to the cleaning shoe, the oscillating bottom and the bottom can be set into an oscillating motion by movement of the cleaning shoe.

12. (Original) The combine as defined by claim 11 wherein the bottom is connected to the oscillating bottom by a pivotable joint.

13. (Original) The combine as defined by claim 11 wherein the bottom is rigidly connected to the oscillating bottom.

14. (Original) The combine as defined by claim 11 wherein the first crop residue stream can be fed to the discharge device in a chopping mode and can be led past the discharge device in a long-stalk straw deposition mode and laid on a field as a swath, and the second crop stream can be fed to the discharge device in the chopping mode and the long-stalk straw deposition mode.